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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION TO MFA ON LOGISTICS PROBLEMS

REF: ANKARA 6448; B. ANKARA 6244

1. COUNSELOR FOR MUTUAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALLED ON MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL
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SECURITY AFFAIRS AKCER TODAY (AUG 20) TO EXPRESS CONCERN

OVER RIGIDITY AND ARBITRARINESS WITH WHICH TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ARE EXECUTING RECENT CUSTOMS DIRECTIVES AND BA REQUEST THAT U.S. MILITARY CARGO BE PROCESSED THROUGH PORT AT IZMIR. MSA COUNSELOR NOTED THAT, WHILE WE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOT THAT U.S. MILITARY FORCES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN TURKEY DURING THIS "PROVISIONAL STATUS" PERIOD, RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES BY MILITARY AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES RAISED SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER WE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SUPPORT THESE FORCES.

2. MSA COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT RECENTLY PUBLISHED TGS PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF INCOMING AND INTERNAL SHIPMENTS (PARA 2 REF A) WERE INCOMPATIBLE WITH U.S. MILITARY'S COMPUTERIZED LOGISTICS SYSTEM BUT WERE NEVERTHELESS BEING APPLIED WITH LITTLE PRIOR NOTICE TO SHIPMENTS NOW ARRIVING. HE ASKED THAT MFA SUPPORT JUSMMAT REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH TGS TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD MEET TGS NEEDS WITHOUT BRINGING COMPLETE HALT TO U.S. SHIPMENTS. IN INTERIM, IMPLEMENTATION OF TGS PROCEDURES SHOULD BE SUSPENDED.

3. MSA COUNSELOR ALSO REQUESTED MFA ASSISTANCE IN REOPENING PORT OF IZMIR TO U.S. MILITARY CARGO ON URGENT BASIS. DRAWING ON DETAILED INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY LANDSOUTHEAST COMMANDER GENERAL ZAIS AND U.S. PORT DETACHMENT THERE, MSA COUNSELOR DREW ATTENTION INTER ALIA TO CONTRADICTORY ASPECTS OF CLOSING A PORT SERVICING THE TWO NATO HEADQUARTERS IN TURKEY, THE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN DIVERTING CONTAINERIZED CARGO THROUGH OTHER PORTS, AND TO PROBLEMS POSED BY IMMINENT SHIP ARRIVALS.

4. MSA COUNSELOR THEN OUTLINED DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN SHIPPING PERSONAL EFFECTS AT SEVERAL PORTS (IN PARTICULAR REFUSAL TO CLEAR FOR EXPORT PROPERTY PURCHASED OR TRANSFERRED IN TURKEY UNDER PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROCEDURES). HE NOTED A GROWING FEELING ON PART OF U.S. SERVICEMEN THAT THEY ARE BEING HARASSED.

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5. AKCER TOOK DETAILED NOTES AND PROMISED THAT MFA WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US ON THESE PROBLEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ONE HOUR LATER AKCER TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT TGS HAS NOW AGREED TO MEET WITH JUSMMAT REPRESENTATIVES ON PROCEDURES FOR APPROVING SHIPMENTS. HE ALSO STATED THAT MFA WOULD BE CONTACTING CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ON PROBLEM OF PERSONAL EFFECTS SHIPMENTS. MFA IS, HOWEVER, UNABLE TO HELP

IN REOPENING IZMIR PORT BECAUSE THE OMISSION OF
THIS PORT FROM THE LIST OF IMPORT POINTS FOR U.S. MILITARY
CARGO WAS A CABINET DECISION, WHICH BUREAUCRACY UNABLE TO
CHANGE.

6. WE WILL BE OBSERVING DEVELOPMENTS DURING NEXT FEW
DAYS TO SEE WHETHER REPRESENTATION AT AMBASSADORIAL
LEVEL IS REQUIRED.

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